

Minutes

Outpatient Surgical Facilities (OSF) Advisory Committee October 17, 2003

The meeting of the Outpatient Surgical Facilities Advisory Committee meeting was held on Friday, October 17, 2003 at 410 Capitol Avenue, OHCA Hearing Room. Present at the meeting:

Work Group Members Present: Commissioner Mary M. Heffernan; Richard Amione, APRN, CRNA; Francisco O. Rivera Ferrer, M.D.; Jeffrey Gross, M.D.; Edward Kamens, M.D.; Kris Mineau; Alden Mead; Patrick Monahan; Gary Price, M.D.; Jan Szigeti; and Jef Wolter.

In Attendance: Abby Ahlborn; Tricia Dinneen Priebe; Ken Ferrucci; Deb Hutton; John Newman, Esq.; Lori Samele; Karen Weeks, and Lisa Winkler.

OHCA staff: John Blair, Harold M. Oberg

DPH staff: Warren Wollschlager, Karen Buckley-Bates, Wendy Furniss

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Introductory Remarks	<p>Commissioner Heffernan opened the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioner Heffernan indicated that the purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the Department of Public Health's statutes and regulations.	None required.
2. Discussion of DPH Statutes and Regulations	Warren Wollschlager, Chief of Staff, DPH, noted that the Department wanted to allow sufficient time to hear all committee members' comments, so the meeting today would be a listening session, rather than a discussion. The Department will then utilize the comments, as appropriate, as it implements DPH's responsibilities under P.A. 03-274.	None required

3. Committee Members Input	<p>General discussion occurred on issues related to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current DPH requirements (19-13-D56) for freestanding surgical centers: particularly physical plant, administrative, staffing. • Waivers v. new set of regulations. • Principles of the American College of Surgeons – quality standards. • Accreditation standards, possibly in lieu of regulations. • Other state's regulations, e.g. Rhode Island. • Role of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). • No overnight stay or other lengthy procedures in office setting. 	None required.
4. Next meeting time and location	The next meeting will be held on October 31, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. in the OHCA Hearing Room, 340 Capitol Avenue, Hartford	Hearing notice and charge to members will be prepared.

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